

HOUSE RESOLUTION 216

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Pamela Foster and the Tennessee State University student staff of *The Meter* upon receiving the Associated Collegiate Press Online Pacemaker Finalist Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly have the distinct honor of recognizing those representatives of the news media who have achieved an unparalleled level of excellence and whose efforts in journalism have gained recognition far and wide; and

WHEREAS, *The Meter*, the Tennessee State University (TSU) student newspaper with an online presence, is one such representative of the media whose staff recently received the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) Online Pacemaker Finalist Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing the students of TSU with the very best coverage of all newsworthy events, the staff members of *The Meter* have performed at a level of journalistic excellence that has gained the recognition of this esteemed press association; and

WHEREAS, this is the first year the Pacemaker Award, which is the ACP's highest honor and has been called the "collegiate Pulitzer Prize," has been available to online college student publications; and

WHEREAS, online publications were judged during the months of February and March by non-ACP staff members knowledgeable about design, journalism, and interactive media; the awards are based upon design, ease of navigation, writing, editing, graphics, and interactivity; and

WHEREAS, top winners among the finalists will be announced at the National College Media Convention; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is the 28th award *The Meter* and its TSU student staff members have received this year, marking this as by far the best year in the paper's fifty-seven-year history; the publication's previous high was twenty awards in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the student staff members of *The Meter* is most grateful for the leadership and support of their learned advisor, Pamela E. Foster; and

WHEREAS, the staff of *The Meter* deserve no small amount of recognition and congratulations for their efforts in making the TSU newspaper the resounding success that it has become; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and congratulate the staff of *The Meter* upon their recent receipt of the Associated Collegiate Press Online Pacemaker Finalist Award and laud their unwavering devotion to the noble precepts governing responsible news media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.